

## BATTLESHIP FLORIDA

Movement Started to Raise Funds to Purchase a Silver Service.

The following is a copy of a letter that has been mailed by the Jacksonville Board of Trade:

"To the mayors of all cities, towns and villages in this state; also, to all boards of county commissioners and to every commercial organization in Florida, regarding the raising of funds for the presentation of a silver service to the battleship Florida:

"At the last session of the legislature, the bill introduced to appropriate \$5,000 towards the purchase of a silver service for the battleship Florida failed of passage, and it now behooves us to get to work and collect same by public subscription.

"This board of trade having taken the initiative in this matter, now proposes that we collect from \$7,000 to \$10,000 by general subscription from all over the state. We think it is a very great compliment that the largest battleship in the American navy is named after our state, and it should be fittingly recognized by having a handsome silver service, on which could be traced the beautiful history of Florida from its early discovery and settlement.

"When the amount is collected, it is proposed to have the governor appoint a representative committee to look after the details, as well as to present the service, in the spring of 1911.

"We respectfully urge upon you the great importance of this matter, and ask for your hearty co-operation by starting subscription lists in your community at once. Make remittance to the Jacksonville Board of Trade, which will act as custodian of the funds and make acknowledgement through the press; and if a sufficient amount cannot be collected, then, amounts in hand, will be returned to subscribers; but, no must not, at the start, acknowledge such a word as failure.

"Yours very truly,  
"W. A. BOURS,  
"President.

"H. H. RICHARDSON, Secretary."

## Notice! Confederates.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Joseph Finegan Camp No. 1514, U. C. V. in the court house at Live Oak, August 18th at 11 a. m. This meeting will be held for the purpose of arranging matters looking after entertaining the State Encampment to be held in Live Oak sometime in November, and for appointment of members on the various committees.

Let every member be on hand at the meeting August 18th. Come and help to make the State Encampment at Live Oak the best ever held in Florida.

W. A. TISON, Commander.

Mrs. J. W. Tison left Monday for High Springs where she will be the guest of relatives for several days.

## Death of Mrs. Frank Kunert.

Died at her home in this city Saturday morning, Mrs. Frank Kunert, aged about 24 years, after an illness of several weeks.

All the care and love that skilled physicians and anxious household could devise and apply for her comfort and assistance were done, but the fiat of Him who rules had been issued, and after a brief struggle, despite the prayers and entreaties of all who knew and loved her, the spirit took its flight.

In the death of this beloved wife, much has been taken from the husband and family and the large circle of relatives and friends; sweet ties have been severed, but the christian hope and fadeless memories are still theirs.

The funeral and interment took place at the New Hope Cemetery Sunday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Hendry, presiding elder.

The Democrat joins the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

## Reduction in Tax Rate.

The Board of County Commissioners had a busy three days' session this week. Monday the assessors book was examined and approved; Tuesday was regular monthly meeting day when bills were approved and other business transacted, and Wednesday the pension applications were examined. The School Board was also in session Tuesday and Wednesday, and they were very busy.

Best of all, however, was the reduction in the tax levy. The county commissioners dropped the one mill road tax, and will make the funds on hand, together with other amounts to be added to this fund during the year, pay for road work, and the school board consented to a reduction of one-half mill for school purposes, making a total reduction of 1½ mills. This is not a very great reduction, but it will be welcomed by the tax payers of the county, and shows the good intentions of the board in the direction of saving every dollar possible of the peoples money.

Mrs. Geo. Wolfe and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned last Friday from Atlanta. Miss Ruth went to Atlanta several weeks ago to visit the Misses Collins' and while there was taken dangerously ill with appendicitis, and her mother went to her bedside at once and remained with her, and accompanied her home. Miss Ruth's many friends will be pleased to know that she is almost fully recovered, and will soon be herself again.

S. A. Adams, a prominent citizen of Columbia, was in the city Monday on business and honored this office with a visit, and left the cash for another year's subscription to the Democrat.

Alvin Bache dropped in Tuesday and ordered the Democrat sent to his grandmother, Mrs. M. S. Bache, who is visiting relatives at Oklahoma City, Okla.

## MADE A DIVISION POINT.

Seaboard Has Made Live Oak Division Point for Local Freights.

On last Monday Live Oak made a division point on the Seaboard Air Line railroad for all local freight trains. The run for the trains making this the end of the division is one train each way a day, Live Oak to Fernandina, and Live Oak to River Junction.

Lake City had heretofore been the division point, and one reason for the change was to better handle the large volume of business furnished to the road here by to local trade and by the L. O. P. & G railroad, the Florida Railway and the Suwannee River & White Springs railroad company. The business turned over to the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line here by the roads mentioned above is immense, to say nothing of the local business.

This change will bring some twelve or fifteen families to our city, and will in other ways prove of material advantage.

The "deserted" married men are arranging to hold a three days convention, the date and place for same, under the rules, will not be made known except to those who are eligible to become members and who pay their assessment in advance. We violate no rules, however, in stating that this convention will be held in a beautiful shady grove near a lake of good drinking water and the convention will be carried on, in some respects, as near like the Bankers convention, held in this city a few months ago, as possible. Applications for membership, accompanied by the fee, should be in the hands of High Ruler J. F. Harrell, by next Tuesday morning. Judge H. E. Carter, is Sec. and Treas.

Jno. O. Ross, of Rossburg, one of the first subscribers to the first paper ever published in Suwannee county, as well as one of the oldest settlers, was in to see us Monday and renewed his subscription. Mr. Ross moved to Suwannee county forty-five years ago from Lafayette county and has ever since resided here. He is a progressive and well-to-do farmer, and one of the county's best citizens.

J. G. Zipper, of Madison, was in the city the latter part of last and first of this week visiting relatives and friends. While here he made the Democrat a visit and ordered the Democrat sent to his address. Mr. Zipper says Madison is very proud of her school and that it is doing much toward building up that very pretty and enterprising town.

J. T. McCall, of Clayland section, a well known citizen of this county, was among the visitors in Live Oak Monday who favored this office with a call and renewed for another year's subscription to the Democrat.

## Moved Into New Office.

Dr. West has moved into the offices over J. C. Baisden's store, the two front rooms of which were formerly occupied by Dr. York as dental offices. He now has four large rooms and is having them excellently equipped in every way for the needs of his profession.

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One has only to look at the various diplomas and certificates on the walls of Dr. West's rooms to see the special advantages he has had for making these various modes of examination and following them up with the correct methods of treatment.

His offices will excel anything we have seen in any town or city in the South for his line of work.

J. W. Wells & Son, merchants of O'Brien, Fla., on the 31st of July, bought of W. L. McInnis the first lot of cotton of the 1909 crop, the price paid was 10c per lb. O'Brien is one of the banner sections for the production of a high grade of Sea Island cotton, and her merchants are determined that the present crop shall not sell for a song.

Dr. R. V. Atkisson, the beloved pastor of the First Methodist church, of this city, left Tuesday for Atlanta to join Mrs. Atkisson who is spending the summer there with relatives. Dr. Atkisson will take two or three weeks' vacation and will spend the greater part of the time in Atlanta where he lived at one time, and where he has a son and other relatives, besides a great number of warm personal friends.

T. R. Jefferson, colored, who lives a few miles southwest of Live Oak, called at the Democrat office Monday and subscribed for the Democrat. He is a fair sample of what a negro can do in Suwannee county farming. He has 25 acres of fine corn ready to harvest and 12 acres of good cotton, plenty of pinders and other small crops. He lives a peaceful and happy life and is prospering, a very different life from that of the average town darky.

T. R. Hurt, of Welborn, was in the city Saturday and dropped in to see us and left the cash for his subscription to help out the Democrat's payroll. Mr. Hurt says crops are very good in his section of the county.

## BIG SHIPMENT TO CHICAGO.

North Florida Lumber Co., Sell Car Load Corner Blacks and Mouldings.

This week the North Florida Lumber Company shipped a solid car, of corner blocks and mouldings to Chicago. This is the largest order for this kind of material ever filled in this city. It was all manufactured by North Florida Lumber Co., at their novelty works plant in this city, and consisted of 40,000 separate pieces.

This company is equipped to care for any and all orders regardless of size, and are prepared to make shipments promptly. The manager, Geo. E. Porter, Jr., is a hustling young business man, thoroughly versed in every branch of the lumber manufacturing industry and is building up a splendid business for his company.

## In Memory.

Little Harley Palmer, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Odom, of Beachville passed from this life on Saturday, July 31. Little Harley was only about fifteen months old.

Thus over a happy home the shadow of a little grave has fallen. This beautiful baby life was so dear and fraught with such happiness to the parents that it seemed as a pure white lily permitted to bloom by their side for a short season, then recalled to it's God who gave it.

It had been sick for over four months and it's sufferings were great. God saw that it was too good and pure to stay in this world of sin and trouble and He called it's spirit back. The little body was laid to rest in the Santa Fee cemetery Sunday afternoon to await the coming of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." The bereaved family have our sincere sympathy.

One who loved little Harley.

ANNA.

Chas. Rubenstein returned Tuesday from Inverness where he had been to visit his son Mose, who is in business there. Although Mr. Rubenstein is one of the old time merchants of this city and of Florida, this was his first visit to South Florida. He likes Inverness alright, but to him no place looks as good as Live Oak.

Ira Grant, with the Suwannee Drug Co., one of the cleavest boys in the city, returned Sunday from Jacksonville where he had been spending a few days' vacation. Besides "painting the city" and "seeing the sights" he had a fine time.

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